

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A lid configured to be mounted on a food container having a rim bounding an opening of the food container, the lid comprising:

a) a top cover wall having a generally planar configuration, the top cover wall having an opening therethrough and an outer periphery;

5           b) a one-piece eating utensil located in the opening of the top cover wall, the one-piece utensil having a food engaging portion and an integral handle portion extending therefrom, the handle portion being configured to be gripped by a hand of a user, the one-piece eating utensil being removably connected to the top cover wall solely by a plurality of discrete, spaced apart, frangible connecting elements, a  
10           length of the one-piece eating utensil from an end of the food engaging portion to an end of the handle portion being less than a distance between opposite sides of the periphery of the top cover wall; and,

c) a side wall extending downwardly from the periphery of the top cover wall and configured to engage the rim portion of the food container.

2. The lid of claim 1 wherein the side wall comprises:

a) a first wall portion extending from the periphery of the top cover wall;

b) a second wall portion having a lateral dimension measured between opposite sides thereof greater than a corresponding dimension of the first wall  
5           portion; and,

c) a step portion connecting the first and second wall portions together.

3. The lid of claim 2 wherein the second wall portion of one lid is configured to accept therein the first wall portion of another lid so as to enable a plurality of lids to be stacked in nested fashion.

4. The lid of claim 1 wherein the food engaging portion comprises a spoon.

5. The lid of claim 1 wherein the food engaging portion comprises a fork.

6. The lid of claim 1 wherein the food engaging portion comprises a knife.

7. The lid of claim 1 further comprising a protective sheet attached to the top cover wall and covering at least the one-piece eating utensil.

8. The lid of claim 7 wherein the protective sheet is removably attached to the top cover wall.

9. A lid configured to be mounted on a food container having a rim bounding an opening of the food container, the lid comprising:

a) a top cover wall having a generally planar configuration, the top cover wall having an opening therethrough and an outer periphery;

5 b) a side wall extending downwardly from the periphery of the top cover wall and configured to engage the rim portion of the food container, the side wall having: a first wall portion extending from the periphery of the top cover wall with a first lateral dimension measured between opposite sides thereof; a second wall portion having a second lateral dimension measured between opposite sides

10 thereof, the second lateral dimension being greater than the first lateral dimension;  
and step portion connecting the first and second wall portions together; and,

c) a one-piece eating utensil located in the opening of the top cover wall, the  
one-piece eating utensil having an integral handle configured to be gripped by a  
hand of a user, the one-piece eating utensil being removably connected to the top  
15 cover wall solely by a plurality of discrete, spaced apart, frangible connecting  
elements.

10. The lid of claim 9 wherein the second wall portion is configured to accept  
therein the first wall portion of another lid so as to enable a plurality of lids to be  
stacked in nested fashion.

11. The lid of claim 9 wherein the food engaging portion comprises a spoon.

12. The lid of claim 9 wherein the food engaging portion comprises a fork.

13. The lid of claim 9 wherein the food engaging portion comprises a knife.

14. The lid of claim 9 further comprising a protective sheet attached to the  
top cover wall and covering at least the one-piece eating utensil.

15. The lid of claim 14 wherein the protective sheet is removably attached  
to the top cover wall.